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Chairman Liane Randolph and Commissioners Fair Political Practices Commission 428 J Street, Suite 650 Sacramento, CA, 95814

Re: Proposed Pre-Notice Regulation 18530.3

Chairman Randolph and Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to urge you to reject the Proposed Pre-Notice Regulation 18530.3. Our reporting requirements under state and federal law are already very complicated. Moreover, the Allocations regulations are also very complicated.

We already duplicate report the state portion of federal expenditures on both and federal state reports. The extraneous measures in the proposed regulation simply add to the increasing complexity of reporting. They would also force us to apply new formulas for state activity that may conflict with federal formulas – further complicating the process.

These reports already require very specialized software, and as the proposed regulations would make the reporting process more difficult, the proposal as a whole is very taxing on the resources of political groups such as our own. Volunteer treasurers are hard to find, and even harder to keep.

I urge you to keep the reporting process simple, to not conflict with federal law, to only require what is absolutely necessary, and to keep volunteers in mind.

Thank you,

Chris Steinbruner, CPA

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Cc: Peter Newman, Chair

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